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NEBRASKA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (NEMA) – 1300 MILITARY ROAD – LINCOLN, NE 68508-1090

Joint Information Center (JIC)

Flood Hotline: (855) 211-2453 or (855) 211-2454 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., daily

June 16, 2011, 2:10 p.m. CDT

Contact:

(402) 471-0900 nema.jic@nebraska.gov

Those Affected by Flooding Asked to Submit Information to NEMA

LINCOLN, Neb. – State officials are seeking information from anyone affected by flooding across Nebraska in order to begin assessing personal and business damages or losses due to flooding. Information will be used to determine whether the state meets federal thresholds for individual assistance.

Anyone affected by current flooding in Nebraska is asked to call the NEMA Public toll-free hotlines at either (855) 211-2453 or (855) 211-2454. The hotline is staffed daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CT.

NEMA officials are in the preliminary stages collecting information for a damage assessment. Individuals and families who have evacuated their primary or secondary residences, those who have sustained damages to a business, and anyone who's job has been impacted by flooding is encouraged to contact the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and share that information.

Hotline staff will ask callers whether they rent or own their residence, the level of flood water on their residence, the loss of property, and loss of job income. They will also obtain contact information. Farm residences impacted by flooding are encouraged to contact NEMA. Damages to other agriculture buildings, equipment and property will be assessed by other USDA programs.

Those providing damage information for a business will be asked whether the business is open or closed, and the number of employees impacted.

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